

Heber Creeper Roars Through Provo Canyon

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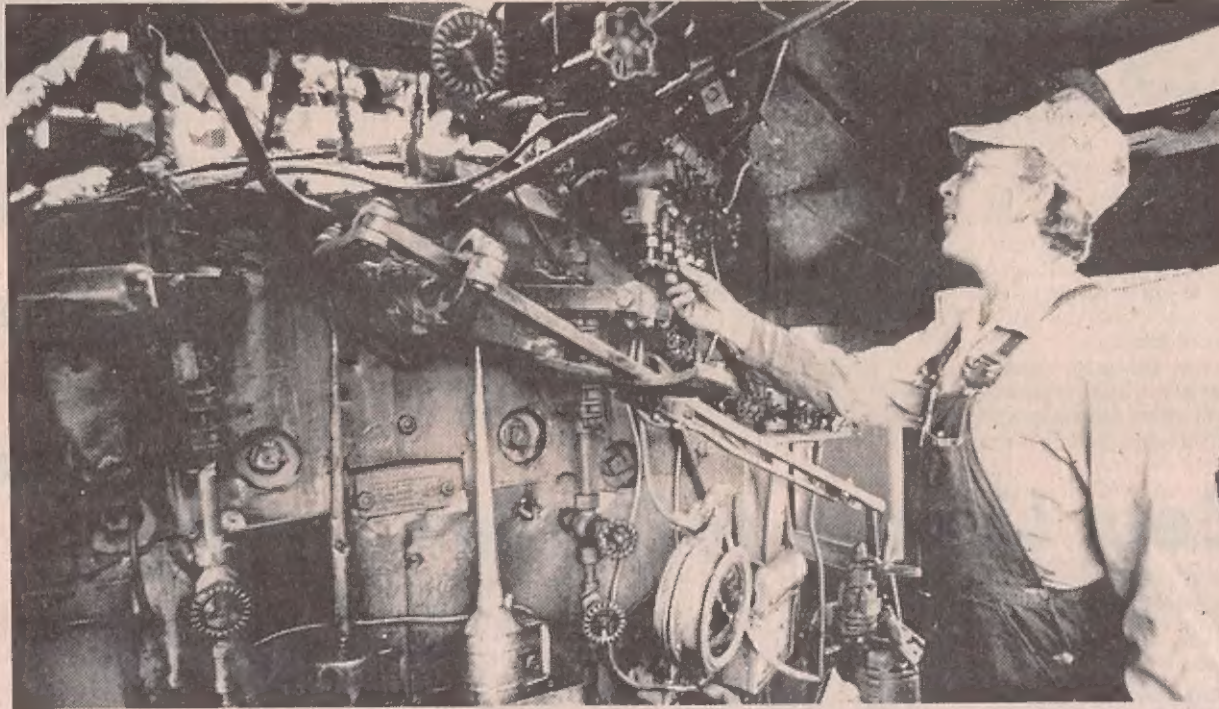
A return to the Old West and the times of yesteryear will be the main emphasis of the Heber Creeper this summer as the old steam locomotive begins its summer season May 19th with regular daily runs between Heber City and Briday Veil Falls.

Expansion has always been the forte of the recent Creeper operations and 1982 is no exception. According to Monty Bona, director of the Timpanogos Preservation Society, the non-profit agency that supervises the Heber Creeper, the old western town at the Heber City terminal has been expanded to include a pottery shop and weaving mill. These two new shops join an already bustling turn-of-the-century city that has a saloon, chinese laundry, jail and railroad museum.

When the Heber Creeper begins regular daily runs starting May 29, the train will leave Heber City at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and will depart Bridal Veil Falls at 1 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Creeper has one more weekend on its spring schedule. On Saturdays and Sundays, until May 29, the train will leave Heber City at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The biggest attraction for riders on the old steam railroad is, of course, the beautiful



Train engineer Doug Brown revs up Heber Creeper engine.

scenery between Heber City and Bridal Veil Falls. Most of the trip is through Provo Canyon, which in the early summer, is magnificent in color with the snow-packed backside of Mt. Timpanogos and the fast-running Provo River.

Bona said the change of scenery that Creeper riders en-

joy on the 18.2 mile trek can be found nowhere else in the nation.

For example, when leaving Heber City there are flat, rolling farm fields of Wasatch County. Within minutes, the train is rolling across sagebrush-covered expanses near Deer Creek Reservoir. As the steam locomotive chugs down the east end of Provo

Canyon, the steep canyon walls form a perfect backdrop of pine trees, groves of quaking aspen and wildlife that is abundant at lower elevations.

Tourists riding the Heber Creeper also get a perfect glance at the year-round glacier on the back of Timpanogos.



Conductor Randy Riter enjoys his summer work.

Photography by Meb Anderson

Study Says

Schools Spend 3 Percent for Bussing

Utah school districts averages 3.24 percent of their total maintenance and operation costs for pupil transportation says a private research group.

Locally, Utah County's three districts are near the average with Nebo using 3.66 percent of its operations budget and Provo, 2.32. Alpine was 3.11 percent.

Under Utah law, state funds are furnished to transport pupils enrolled in kindergarten through grade six who live one and one-half miles or more from school, for pupils in grades seven through 12 who live two or more miles from school and for certain designated handicapped pupils without regard to distance from school.

In addition, local funds may be used to transport students where walking constitutes a hazardous condition and for the transportation of students to

inter-scholastic activities, for night activities, and for approved educational field trips.

Although the research group, Utah Foundation, says the Utah program "generally provides a safe, efficient system of transporting pupils to and from school," it pointed out some potential problems.

The foundation believes the formula for distributing state transportation funds is unduly complicated and difficult to understand. The formula calls "head counts" taken twice a year instead of students eligible. Because of differences in the methods used in taking this "head count" inequities may occur in the allocation of funds.

The foundation says some confusion results where districts employ a variety of pupil transportation systems. Duplication of effort and equipment occurs between school districts and other govern-

ment agencies that must bus people.

Funds earmarked for equipment replacement sometimes are used for other purposes, the foundation says.

Most of the pupil transportation funds in Utah are being provided by specific legislative appropriations for transportation. In 1980-81, the legislative appropriations for pupil transportation amounted to \$13,794,000, or 76 percent of the \$18,105,890 spent for pupil transportation services. The legislature's transportation contribution was raised to \$16,175,000 for 1981-82 and to \$17,529,720 for 1982-83.

Not included in these totals were expenditures for capital outlay and amounts spent by the State School Board and other agencies for supervision of the program.

Orem Council Grants Beer License to Station

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The Orem City Council granted a beer license Monday night for the University Mall Texaco, a remodeled convenience store and gas station located on south State Street.

The license is the fifth one granted to Orem gas stations within the last year, reports the Orem Business License Department. The city has 24 gas stations and six of them have beer licenses.

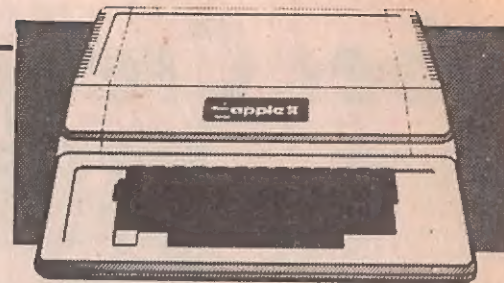
Councilman Richard Jackson, who voted against the license, said he is concerned that beer in gas stations could make it easier for some motorists to drink and drive.

Councilwoman Stella Welsh said as more establishments are granted beer licenses, the city should consider hiring a full-time inspector to police the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The Business License Department reports that 20 business establishments have Class A beer licenses,

which permits the selling of beer in closed containers. Under Class B licenses, five establishments in the city may serve draft beer in a glass and six places have cabaret licenses, which permit the consumption of liquor on the premises.

Howard Glover, manager of the University Mall Texaco, told the council it is difficult for gas stations to survive by only selling gas. He said a convenience store which sells food and beer, can mean the difference of a gas station being able to stay in business.



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Judge Croft Still Mulling Huish Decisions

Third District Judge Bryant Croft said today he has not yet made a decision on Henry A. "Hank" Huish's bid to be on the election ballot as Democratic candidate for the Third Congressional District.

Judge Croft heard arguments Friday in the suit

Huish has since filed as an independent, but says he will withdraw if his name is allowed to go on the ballot as a Democratic candidate.

Judge Croft said today he has many matters to decide, but will "get to the Huish matter as soon as I can."

person and pay his filing fee before the April 26 deadline.

His attorney Scott Daniels, argued that the federal and state documents are "essentially the same" and said the problem was the result of a misunderstanding between Huish and his attorney.